

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A computer implemented process for managing a distributed work flow, comprising;

storing a set of predefined functions for a work flow to be performed at a plurality of distributed nodes;

automatically interacting with the work flow at each of the distributed nodes to perform the predefined functions.

2. The process of Claim 1, wherein the set of predefined functions are operable to generate a work flow between a plurality of enterprises.

3. The process of Claim 1, wherein the set of predefined functions are operable to transmit data associated with the operation of the work flow at each of the distributed nodes to a monitoring system.

4. The process of Claim 1, wherein the set of predefined functions are operable to deploy the work flow to the distributed nodes.

5. A Computer implemented process for generating a collaboration between a plurality of enterprises, comprising:

receiving a preliminary collaboration from a first enterprise;

automatically transmitting the preliminary collaboration to a predefined second enterprise for review;

receiving a response to the preliminary collaboration from the second enterprise; and

automatically transmitting the response to the first enterprise for review.

6. The process of Claim 5, wherein the response is a comment to the preliminary collaboration.

7. The process of Claim 5, wherein the response is a modification of the preliminary collaboration.

8. The process of Claim 7, wherein the modification is in addition to the preliminary collaboration.

9. The process of Claim 7, wherein the modification is an amendment of the preliminary collaboration.

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10. The process of Claim 5, further comprising;  
receiving an approval from the first and second  
enterprises for a collaboration based on the preliminary  
collaboration and the response;

5 automatically transmitting the collaboration to a  
predefined third enterprise for review;

receiving a response to the collaboration from the  
third enterprise; and

10 automatically transmitting the response to the first  
enterprise for review.

11. The process of Claim 10, wherein the response is  
a comment.

15 12. The process of Claim 10, wherein the response is  
a modification to the collaboration.

20 13. The process of Claim 12, wherein the modification  
is an addition to the collaboration.

14. The process of Claim 12, wherein the modification  
is an amendment of the collaboration.

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15. A computer implemented process for deploying a collaboration generated by a first enterprise to a plurality of other enterprises, comprising:

receiving a collaboration;

5 automatically transmitting a predefined first part of the collaboration to a predefined second enterprise; and

automatically transmitting a predefined second part of the collaboration to a predefined third enterprise.

10 16. The process of Claim 15, further comprising:

requesting an approval from the second enterprise for operation of the first part of the collaboration at a node of the second enterprise; and

15 requesting an approval from the third enterprise for operation of the second part of the collaboration at a node of the third enterprise.

20 17. The process of Claim 16, in response to receiving the approval from the second enterprise, notifying the third enterprise of the approval.

25 18. The process of Claim 16, in response to receiving the approvals from the second and third enterprises transmitting a signal to the second and third enterprises to operate the collaboration.

30 19. The process of Claim 16, in response to receiving approvals to operate the collaboration from all enterprises to which the collaboration is transmitted, transmitting a signal to all of the enterprises to operate the collaboration.

20. A computer implemented process for monitoring a collaboration across a plurality of enterprises, comprising:

5 automatically querying a first node of a first enterprise for a first predefined set of data associated with the operation of the collaboration at the first node;

transmitting the first set of data to a monitoring system;

10 automatically querying a second node of a second enterprise for a predefined second set of data associated with an operation of the collaboration at the second node; and

transmitting the second set of data to the monitoring system.

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